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Baystate Banner Editorial

The May 31st Baystate Banner front-page editorial is a direct counterpoint to the negative Boston Globe columns. Click the link to read the Banner's rejoinder.

www.baystatebanner.com/editorial51-2012-05-31

Kick-Off for the 2012 SAEP

This year's Summer Academic Enrichment Program (SAEP) kicked-off with a Welcome Ceremony for the program's 13 participants at Northeastern University's John D. O'Bryant African American Institute on May 29th.

At the event, RCC and NU staff affiliated with the program, including Dr. Brenda Mercomes and NU's Assistant Provost, Susan Powers-Lee, conveyed their support to the SAEP cohort. In turn, the SAEP scholars offered genuine and moving stories about why they were inspired to pursue the program. RCC alumni, Fritz Previlion and John Murphy, who currently attend NU as a result of participating in SAEP, reinforced the benefits of the program and urged the students to take advantage of the resources available to them. Not only will they earn 6 free credits towards their RCC degree, they will also become eligible for a ½ tuition scholarship to attend NU upon graduating from RCC.

For now, SAEP students are focusing on completing two intensive writing and research courses led by RCC's English Professor, Everest Onuoha, and NU's English Professor, Matt Noonan. The program will run until July 11th.

For more information about SAEP, please contact Rhonda Gray, Associate Prof. of English and Coordinator of SAEP at rgray@rcc.mass.edu.

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Art Installation

The first seven pieces of art in The Art Connection donation project of 2012 have been installed in the Administration Building. Since 1995, The Art Connection, in the South End, has been the conduit for giving art to agencies that lack money to buy it. The art is donated by the Boston area artists who created it or by the owners of the pieces. Each agency selects the pieces from a slide show of 240 possible items. In January, a group of ten RCC faculty, staff and students picked out the art we have received out of a slide show of 240 possible items.

All art that is installed in the hallways will be protected with security mechanisms. A College website, designed by Library personnel, is being prepared to identify the location of the art works in each building. This summer, twenty-one additional pieces will be installed in the Academic Building. At that point, the college will have on permanent display over 70 works of art created by professional artists and sculptors. Later this year, the art will be formally introduced with an open house reception.

Next year, in Phase II, the College will be eligible to choose ten more art pieces.

For more information on this project, contact Mark Lawrence at mlawrence@rcc.mass.edu.

Visit the Art Connection website at

www.theartconnection.org



Monarch, (2003) by Julie Baer.

In the hall, to the left of Room 213, Business Office

One Book, One Campus

We had hoped to have identified a book for the 2012-2013 academic year before the end of the semester. Although it's a bit late, there is still time to make a selection for fall. If you're interested in serving on a selection committee and/or you have a book you would like for us to consider, please contact Brenda by email or office phone (x5383 or x 5304).



ICE News

Roxbury Community College and The Center for Student Success is pleased to announce the Gateway Scholars Program. Gateway Scholars is an Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment (ICE) initiative. ICE is funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. The program offers public high school students with severe disabilities, ages 18-22, who have not passed MCAS, the opportunity to participate in inclusive college courses (credit or non-credit) to increase their school and work success. Activities include transition support to student participants and their families. In addition, public high school personnel and college faculty involved in the program gain valuable knowledge about promising inclusive practices through technical assistance and training.

Students enrolled as Gateway Scholars will learn career planning, self-advocacy skills and life skills that will help them as they move into adulthood. Students will take courses that are aligned with their personal transition goals. Students in this program are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities and take advantage of all that RCC has to offer.

Any questions about the Gateway Scholars Program should be directed to Gateway Scholars Program Director, Pamela MacDonald at pmacdonald@rcc.mass.edu

HR News

Congratulations to two internal candidates who have assumed new positions in the Administration & Finance Division

- Florence Craig— Comptroller
- Gib Pornkittichotcharoen— Director of Budget and Financial Reporting

Please welcome new staff who joined RCC recently:

- Quentin James is working in the Writing Center
- Austin James, Iris Tavares and Carlos Maynard are working as Academic Coaches with the Talent Search Program
- Connie Cardillo is the new Employer Engagement Specialist in the Corporate & Community Education Center
- Peter Carr is the new Director of Network & Security in the IT department

Current career opportunities at RCC:

Currently searches are open for

- Clerical positions in Enrollment Management
- Full time Nursing faculty in the Practical Nursing program
- Full time faculty for Criminal Justice and Social Sciences
- Registrar

Jobs are posted on the internet on several website as well as www.rcc.mass.edu.

Mentoring Program

The Mass Mentoring Partnership team has been notified that it has been awarded full AmeriCorps funding. In addition to being awarded funding to continue the Ambassador program for a three-year cycle, their request to expand the corps to 25 members has also been granted!



MMP competed nationally against hundreds of program for this funding and made a strong case for the need to expand high-quality youth mentoring in Massachusetts. Especially during these fiscally constrained times, MMP is grateful for the Corporation for National and Community Service's belief in the success of their program and continued support.

For more information about Mass Mentoring visit their website at <http://www.massmentors.org>

Student Cruise



The Spirit of Boston



Graduation 2012



375 proud students graduated on Friday, May 18th, 2012.

RCC's largest graduating class successfully completed Associate Degree and Certificate programs.

